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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER
ADB-FINANCED PROJECTS

1. ADB PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS THAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE USE OF THE BUSINESS EDITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT FORUM AS AN APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR WORLD-WIDE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER BANK-FINANCED PROJECTS. DEVELOPMENT FORUM IS A MONTHLY PERIODICAL PUBLISHED BY THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFORMATION (CESI) OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DEALING WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE BUSINESS EDITION, WHICH IS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT FORUM, IS PUBLISHED TWICE A MONTH AND CARRIES, BESIDES ARTICLES ON DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, PUBLIC PROCUREMENT NOTICES ON NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE WORLD BANK GROUP AND THE UNDP.

2. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN BANK STAFF AND
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CESI ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLICATION OF PROCUREMENT NOTICES FOR BANK-FINANCED PROJECTS AND ON BANK'S SHARE IN FINANCING THE INITIAL DEFICIT EXPECTED TO BE INCURRED BY CESI IN PUBLISHING THE DEVELOPMENT FORUM (INCLUDING THE BUSINESS EDITION). IT IS PROPOSED THAT A CONTRIBUTION EQUAL TO 5 PERCENT OF THE DEFICIT FOR 1978 AND 1979, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF DOLLARS 35,000 PER YEAR, BE MADE BY THE BANK

IN THE FORM OF INTEREST-FREE ADVANCES. ESTIMATED DEFICITS ARE DOLLARS 740,000 FOR 1978 AND BETWEEN DOLLARS 300,000 AND DOLLARS 400,000 FOR 1979. NO DEFICIT IS EXPECTED AFTER 1979 AS IT IS ASSUMED THAT SUBSCRIPTION REVENUES WILL BE GENERATED BY 1980 TO COVER PUBLICATION COSTS THEREAFTER. THE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF THE BANK FOR 1978 WOULD BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED TO CORRESPOND TO THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THAT THE BANK WILL ACTUALLY MAKE USE OF THE BUSINESS EDITION DURING THIS YEAR. REPAYMENT OF ADVANCES WILL BE MADE OUT OF EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER COSTS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS WITH THE OTHER PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN FINANCING OF THE DEFICIT. (THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE AND ITS PROPOSED SHARE IS 10 PERCENT OF THE DEFICIT.)

3. CESI HAS AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE, FREE OF CHARGE, SUFFICIENT SPACE IN THE BUSINESS EDITION FOR PUBLICATION OF PROCUREMENT INFORMATION UNDER BANK-FINANCED PROJECTS, AND WILL ALSO CONSIDER PUBLISHING NEWS OR ARTICLES ON BANK'S EFFORTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT FIELD. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BANK WILL REQUIRE PREPARATION BY BORROWERS FOR PUBLICATION OF APPROPRIATE NOTICES FOR ALL LOANS NEGOTIATED AFTER SUCH APPROVAL. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE STIPULATED IN LOAN DOCUMENTS. THE SAME ACTION WILL BE ENCOURAGED FOR LOANS NEGOTIATED EARLIER WHERE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PROCUREMENT WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL TENDERING. PROCUREMENT NOTICES PREPARED BY A BORROWER WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE BANK BEFORE TRANSMISSION TO THE DEVELOPMENT FORUM OFFICES FOR PUBLICATION. THE BANK WILL ALSO FROM TIME TO TIME PROVIDE CESI WITH A LIST OF PROJECTS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF LOAN CONSIDERATION BY THE BANK.

4. ADB DOC. R60-78 ON THIS SUBJECT WAS POUCHED JULY 6 AND WILL BE CONSIDERED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON AUGUST 1.

5. USADB COMMENT: USADB HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED THE BANK INFORMALLY TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THIS ARRANGEMENT AND LEARNED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN UNDERWAY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT FORUM SINCE LAST JANUARY. WE PLAN TO STRONGLY WELCOME ADB PARTICIPATION AND BELIEVE THE INTEREST-FREE ADVANCES ARE REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE. CONCERNING ANOTHER POSSIBLE SOURCE OF PROCUREMENT INFORMATION, THE BANK HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL SHORTLY ISSUE A PAPER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSING DECLASSIFICATION OF THE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT AND MAKING IT AVAILABLE ON A SUBSCRIPTION BASIS. THESE EFFORTS BY THE BANK SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TO MEET NEEDS OF U.S. FIRMS FOR

EARLY-WARNING INFORMATION ON ADB PROCUREMENT POSSIBILITIES
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